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5 September 1952

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Becker, Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Briefing of General Eisenhower - 30 August 1952

1. We* departed from National Airport by commercial plane at 2210 hours Friday evening, 29 August. We arrived at LaGuardia Field

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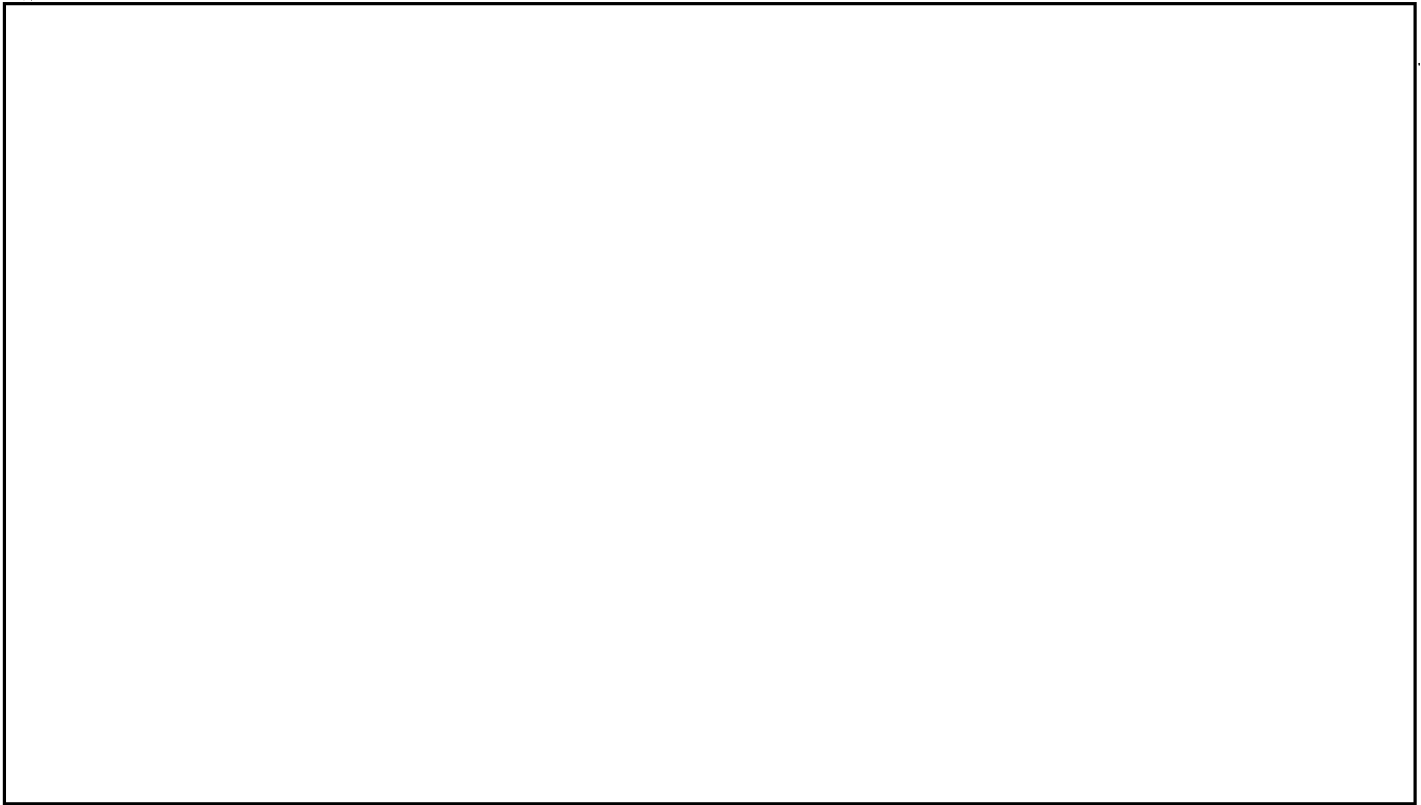
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4. I opened the material in the General's presence, called his attention to the situation map and asked him if he were interested in reviewing the military disposition of the Soviet and Satellite armed forces as portrayed on the map. His one question was, "Has there been any significant change in the past couple of months?" Since my reply was, "No," that disposed of the need for a map and probably eliminated any necessity for bringing a similar map to any future briefing. The General then sat down and carefully read the briefing material. I pointed out specifically the review of the Iranian situation which had been prepared subsequent to the initial compilation of the briefing material. He completed reading the briefing in about 20 minutes during which time he made two comments, the first being on the trade situation between Japan and China. His comment was, "Since trade is one of our most powerful weapons, it seems to me that we should employ it to its maximum. Where are the Japanese going to get their materials if they can't get them from China?" The other situation which aroused comment was the French difficulties in North Africa. His comment on this situation being, "If the French don't do something fairly soon, they will have another Indochina on their hands." His general remarks at the conclusion of the briefing were, "This does not materially change the impression that I already had on most of these situations." I raised the question with the General about his desire for future similar briefings. He replied that he wanted future briefings but not necessarily on an urgent basis. I suggested that I arrange with Mr. Green for the time and the place for future briefings to which the General agreed. The General expressed his appreciation for the briefing and then withdrew to a breakfast conference.

5. In the subsequent discussions with Mr. Green, he pointed out that the General's schedule would take him out of New York until the 10th of September and that possibly the following weekend would be an appropriate time for another briefing. The specific arrangements for the next briefing will therefore have to be arranged by telephone with Mr. Green subsequent to the General's return to New York on 10 September. Because of General Eisenhower's full schedule, Mr. Green suggested that a briefing at approximately a two-week interval would be the most satisfactory, with the exception that if CIA deemed any development of sufficient significance to be called to General Eisenhower's attention, arrangements could then be made for an interim briefing.

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29 September 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Second Briefing for General Eisenhower in the Series
of Intelligence Briefings for Presidential Candidates

On Thursday, 25 September 1952, at 1625 hours I boarded General Eisenhower's campaign train at Silver Spring, Maryland. The General was on his way to Baltimore, Maryland, on a speaking tour. The General completed his speech from the rear platform of the train and about five minutes after the train left the station, at exactly 1700 hours, Senator Carlson escorted me to the Observation Lounge where the General was seated alone.

I presented the Intelligence Briefing paper to the General which he read and aside from a few casual remarks and comments, he raised only one question of substance. The Intelligence Briefing noted that "the present discussions on MEDO, like the original plans for the Middle East Command, do not envisage Greek participation." The General inquired why Greek participation was not contemplated. Since I was not fully prepared to elaborate on the details, I requested that he permit me to get all the facts for the next briefing. He readily agreed commenting that "too often political and military leaders have gone into that area of Europe and met with representatives of some of those countries thereby offending other countries not included in the talks."

General Eisenhower spent about twenty-five minutes carefully reading the briefing and his final comments were, "This certainly presents a picture of a gradually deteriorating situation all over the world. Sometimes I wonder if it has gone beyond a point from which it can be retrieved." He then expressed his thanks for the briefing and at 1725 hours I left the Observation Lounge and returned to the train compartment of Mr. Tom Stephens who had arranged the appointment. I left the train at the station in Baltimore and returned to Washington by the next train.

There were no unusual occurrences during the trip. The only persons we contacted, other than the General, were Senator Carlson, from Kansas, Mr. Tom Stephens and Miss Alice Smith of the General's entourage. I was accompanied by [redacted] Security Officer.

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Office of Current Intelligence
28 October 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Briefing of General Eisenhower - 25 October 1952

1. We* departed from Washington National Airport Friday, 24 October and stayed over night in New York. We rode a local train to Harmon Station the following morning and awaited General Eisenhower's campaign train which arrived at approximately 1015 hours.

2. We boarded General Eisenhower's campaign train while it was in Harmon Station, New York and accompanied him to Grand Central Station, New York City. Mr. Thomas Stephens arranged for me to meet the General at 1015 hours and the briefing lasted until about 1035.

3. General Eisenhower commented that the briefings had been very helpful but that he missed the G-3 information, which he said was essential for a complete understanding of the situation.

After General Eisenhower read the briefing material he commented that if he "got the job" some other arrangement would have to be made for the briefings. He mentioned getting clearance for some of his staff so they could also benefit from them.

I informed him that this was the last scheduled briefing prior to the election unless there was some particular phase of the situation which he would like amplified. He replied that he did not think that would be necessary.

4. No questions raised by the General remained unanswered and the series of four briefings which began on 30 August was completed without any untoward incidents.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilton B. Parsons
Assistant to the President

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for the President-elect
During the Period November 1952 to January 1953

1. During the period between the election in November 1952 and the inauguration, the Director of Central Intelligence established a briefing facility for the convenience of President-elect Eisenhower. This facility was located in the Commodore Hotel in New York City near the interim-headquarters maintained for the President-elect. A briefing officer representing the DCI was present at all times. He received the daily current intelligence products of the Agency and held them available at the call of the President-elect.

2. In addition to this facility the Director of Central Intelligence continued the series of briefings initiated during the campaign prior to the elections. These briefings included presentations on broader topics as well as more detailed information than was available from the daily current reporting delivered to the briefing facility.

3. A regular courier service was operated to deliver the daily intelligence products to the briefing officer in the Commodore Hotel and secure wire communications were established for interim service when this was necessary.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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